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WE REGRET DELAY IN RESPONDING TO YOUR MESSAGES. IF
CONGOLESE AMBASSADOR AGAIN RAISES SUBJECT OF RESUMPTION
OF USG-GOC, YOU MAY REPLY ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

-- A. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES CAN THE USG INTERFERE
IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE CONGOLESE GOVERNMENT.

-- B. WE HAVE MADE KNOWN OUR POSITION ON RESUMPTION
OF RELATIONS WITH THE GOC TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
CONGOLESE GOVERNMENT, IN RESPONSE TO THEIR INQUIRIES,
ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS BOTH AT THE UNITED NATIONS

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AND IN BRAZZAVILLE THROUGH THE GOOD OFFICES OF THE

EMBASSY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WHICH
REPRESENTS US INTERESTS IN BRAZZAVILLE.

-- C. THE USG IS WILLING TO CONSIDER NORMALIZATION OF
RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO,
WHenever CIRCUMSTANCES ARE PROPITIOUS. ANY NEW APPROACH
OF THE CONGOLESE GOVERNMENT WILL BE GIVEN CAREFUL
REVIEW.

-- D. ANY SUCH DISCUSSIONS WOULD NEED TO TREAT NOT
ONLY THE MODALITIES OF RELATIONS, (I.E., WHAT FORM
RELATIONS SHOULD TAKE AND IN WHAT TIME FRAME), BUT ALSO
THE SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS WHICH RESULTED IN THE USG
DECISION TO SUSPEND RELATIONS (HARRASSMENT OF U.S.
DIPLOMATS) AND WHICH WERE IMPEDIMENTS TO NORMALIZATION
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